

CANAL WILL BE
FINISHED BY 1915Commercial Clubs Which Visited
Panama Report Excellent
Progress.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 12.—Conditions in general in the Panama Canal zone are declared to be extremely favorable for completion of the canal within the eight years ending January 1, 1915, as estimated by the engineers in charge of the work, in the opinion of committees from commercial clubs of Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, who arrived here today, after a visit to the isthmus. This opinion is embodied in a series of reports, all of which were approved by all members of the party. From them a general report will be submitted to the clubs represented by the committees.

The committees found the greatest hindrance to rapid progress on the canal at the present time is a lack of adequate dumping facilities. This is said to be due to a shortage of cars for the transportation of the material, and to the fact that, as a result, it worked at only about fifty per cent. of its capacity.

WHILE INSANE KILLED
FATHER AND SELF

AUBURN, R. I., March 12.—While insane, Irving T. Peckham, superintendent of the Gloster Knitting Mills, of Woonsocket, shot and seriously injured his father, Samuel O. Peckham, here to night, and afterwards committed suicide. Both men have been prominent in the Rhode Island textile industry.

The tragedy occurred in the Peckham home, on Pontiac Avenue, when young Peckham attacked his father without warning, shooting him in the back of the head before the latter was aware of his danger. He fired five more shots, one of which entered the lower jaw of the victim. Young Peckham then rushed up stairs and shot himself through the head.

HILL WOULD LIKE
TO SELL TO NATION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., March 12.—President James A. Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, today told the Sunburg legislative committee that he would be only too willing to have the United States government take over his road. He stated further, however, that if the government should go into the railroad business the country would have an elephant on its hands.

"Then," said Mr. Hill, "the government would be obliged to engage in another lottery to get rid of the elephant."

"If the government had charge of the railroads, Congress would be kept busy making appropriations, the districts with poor representation and sparse population would be left in the lurch, and the railroads would become less valuable."

Mr. Hill was then asked what the government would have to pay for control of the Great Northern. The witness replied that it would cost \$40,000 per mile to "reproduce" the Great Northern, not counting terminals, docks and other property. Counting these properties, he said it would cost about \$60,000 per mile to "reproduce" the road.

UNITED CIGAR CO.
TO HAVE RIVAL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, March 12.—A fierce competition upon the United Cigar Stores Company is about to be started in every city of the country where the gift-giving retail tobacco concern has its stores.

Every store in Richmond will be duplicated by the Import Cigar Company, which has just opened headquarters at 226 Fifth Avenue, this city, and which is backed by Frank Telford, the millionaire member of Park & Telford. Five stores have been leased in this city, and work at establishing the chain of stores across the country will be started at once. Not only will the stores of the United Cigar Stores Company be duplicated and even exceeded in appearance, but the business methods, including the giving of coupons calling for premiums, will be carried to an even greater extent than by the original concern.

NEGRO WOMAN CONFESSES
ROBBING FIVE HOUSESTook All Blame on Herself, But Police Also Arrested Men—Latter
Tried to Cut Detective and Had to
Be Clubbed.

Detectives Wiltshire and Wron made an important arrest yesterday evening when they landed behind the bars of the First Station a young negro woman named Minnie Adams.

The woman is an acknowledged house-breaker. She told a Times-Dispatch man at the station-house last night that she had entered five houses in Richmond and had robbed them of her coats, hats, wraps and other things found on the usual hat-rack in the hall.

Four of the robberies were committed on Church Hill, and the fifth was from the hall of the residence on the north-east corner of Grace and Sixth Streets. From these various places she secured goods which she pawned at different shops, and from which she realized less than \$25. In two instances she sent the articles to be pawned by negro men whom she did not know.

Apparently the prisoner did not realize the predicament in which had placed her-



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Half dozen Collars (in a box), 75c.

One dozen Collars (in a box), \$1.35.

See Our Window Demonstrator.

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705 EAST BROAD STREET
THE GOOD FORM SHOP

FINE SHOWING
OF BATTALION

The field, staff, non-commissioned staff, drum corps and Companies A and B, First Battalion, Seventieth Infantry, Major C. G. Bossieux commanding, were inspected last night by Colonel C. A. Dempsey, U. S. A., who is attached to the Virginia Volunteers. The entire battalion made a splendid appearance. Every one attached to headquarters was present.

Company A, Captain Ernest M. Hardy commanding, had three officers and sixty-one enlisted men present; Company B, Captain A. W. Miller commanding, had three officers and thirty-nine enlisted men. The battalion wore the new regulation full dress uniforms, which are very showy and well-fitting, and presented a most attractive appearance.

During the afternoon Colonel Dempsey made a thorough inspection of the armory and stores and equipment, and the inspection of the men was minute. Colonel Wm. J. Perry, of Staunton, commanding the regiment, was present as an interested spectator.

Companies C and F will be inspected tonight.

A large meeting for the reorganization of Company H will be held Thursday night. Captain T. C. Baptist will be present for the first time since his election as captain of the company, and it is hoped that the plans for reorganization will go forward with a rush.

NEW STAMP FOR THE
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The Postmaster-General today decided to add a five-cent stamp to the ones and twos already determined on to constitute the commemorative series for the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition. The five-cent stamp will bear a likeness of the head of Pocahontas, printed in blue. Eight million stamps are to be used at the exposition, to supply the demand for foreign postage. The head of Captain John Smith, in green, is to decorate the one-cent stamp, of which ten million will be printed, while a descriptive scene, "the founding of Jamestown," represents the first landing on that island, as pictured on the two-cent stamps, of which 14,000,000 are to be issued.

FOOTBALL PLAYER
GETS FAT NEW YORK JOB

NEW YORK, March 12.—Mayor McClellan today announced his appointment of William H. Edwards, of Brooklyn, who was captain of the Princeton football team in 1899-1900, first deputy commissioner of street cleaning, to fill a vacancy. The salary is \$6,000.

FINAL DRAFT OF CHARTER OF
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

This is to certify that we do hereby associate ourselves to establish a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter 4 of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, entitled, "An act concerning corporations," which became a law on the 21st day of May, 1903, for the purpose and under the corporate name hereinafter mentioned, and to that end we do, by this our certificate, set forth as follows:

A. The name of the corporation is to be the University of Richmond.

B. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the city of Richmond, Va.

C. The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to advance the cause of education by seeking to bring into helpful cooperation institutions of learning now located, or which may hereafter be located, in or near the city of Richmond, to provide sites for such institutions, and to establish for their common benefit libraries, museums, gymnasiums, athletic fields, lighting and heating plants, and such other utilities as may with advantage be used by all of such institutions, to promote scientific investigations, to establish lectureships, found scholarships, confer degrees, and to do any and all things, not inconsistent with law nor with this certificate, deemed necessary or expedient by the managers of said corporation for the advancement of the cause of education.

D. The said corporation shall not compete with any constituent institution availing itself of the common utilities offered by said corporation, nor shall it consolidate with nor impair the separate and independent existence of any such institution.

To carry out said purposes, the said corporation may acquire property—real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein—by gift, grant, will, purchase or otherwise, and to that end may dispose of said property, with or without consideration, in any manner and upon any terms not inconsistent with the conditions upon which said property was acquired.

The said corporation may subscribe to, purchase or otherwise acquire stocks, bonds, or other securities or obligations of other corporations.

D. The managers of said corporation shall be designated as the Board of Visitors of the University of Richmond, and shall consist of twenty-one persons, of whom there shall be one representative elected annually for a term of one year by the trustees of each constituent institution. The members of the Board of Visitors shall be the trustees of the University of Richmond, and shall have voting power. At all meetings of the board a majority of the members thereof, then in office, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

E. The names of said visitors hereafter named by the trustees of each constituent institution are Joseph Bryan, E. L. Bemis, John P. Branch, A. Caperton Braxton, John Stewart Bryan, James H. Goodley, John C. Freeman, James R. Gordon, George Ben. Johnston, Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., Milton E. Marcuse, S. C. Mitchell, W. W. Moore, J. Scott Parrish, M. C. Patterson, John Garland Pollard, Fred. W. Scott and Emmon G. Williams.

The terms of the first five mentioned shall expire five years from the date of this certificate; the terms of the next four mentioned shall expire four years from the date of this certificate; the terms of the next four mentioned shall expire two years from the date of this certificate; and the terms of the last four mentioned shall expire one year from the date of this certificate. And hereafter all visitors, except those elected to fill unexpired terms, and except those representing constituent institu-

tions, shall be elected for a term of five years.

F. The period for the duration of the corporation is unlimited.

G. The amount of real estate to which the holdings of the corporation are at any time to be limited is 10,000 acres.

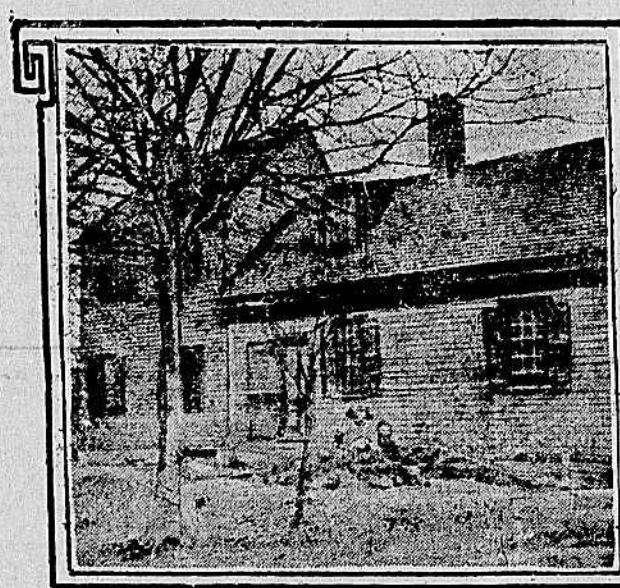
H. The said Board of Visitors may create such offices and agencies as it may see fit for the advancement of the interests of said corporation, and may make and enforce by-laws, rules and regulations for its government, and may from time to time alter or amend the same. It shall decide what institutions may avail themselves of the benefits offered by said corporation, and upon what terms and conditions each of such institutions may enjoy the same; but the said Board of Visitors shall not thereafter change such terms and conditions without the consent of the institution with which the same were made.

I. The said Board of Visitors, except as hereinafter provided, shall appoint their own successors, and fill all vacancies occurring in said board and elect all officers of said corporation; but no person receiving a salary from said corporation shall be a member of the Board of Visitors.

J. The Board of Visitors shall provide for the selection from among its own members an executive committee consisting of seven persons and such other standing committees as may be prescribed by the by-laws, and shall confer upon said committees respectively such authority in the management of the affairs of said corporation as said board may deem expedient, subject, however, to the limitations of this certificate.

K. No sectarian, religious, political or partisan test shall ever be applied or exercised by the selection of visitors or other officers of the university; provided, however, that a majority of said board shall not be members of any one religious denomination.

Given under our hands this 12th day of March, 1907.

BELIEVES KIDNAPPED BOY
PASSED THROUGH RICHMOND

Home of Dr. Marvin



Horace N. Marvin Jr.

Mr. Meade Recognized Likeness
From Picture in New York
Paper.

CHILD IN CUSTODY OF NEGRO

Man Said He Was Taking Him
Home to Parents in
South.

KIDNAPPED BOY
STILL MISSING

Many Letters From Cranks.
Boy's Father Thinks He Is
Alive.

DOVER, DEL., March 12.—With two sets of floors working on two widely differing theories, the mystery surrounding the disappearance a week ago Monday of the four-year-old son of Dr. Horace N. Marvin has not cleared a particle.

Sensational letters, telegrams and communications of various natures are pouring on the half-frantic father and the State authorities, many of them offering to return the missing boy for stipulated ransom.

Most of these letters are undoubtedly written by cranks and sensation-seekers, but at least one is taken seriously. This is the communication forwarded to the State officials by Charles Tannenbaum, a member of the Shelton Detective Agency. In this letter the head of the detective agency admits having received from the kidnapers of the Marvin child a letter indicating that the boy was being taken to the Canadian border, where the boy would be turned over to him unharmed. Tannenbaum at once communicated with State Detective Francis, of Delaware, and the lead is being followed to-day.

Meanwhile the force of Pinkertons engaged on the case and working from the Marvin house as a base are proceeding on an entirely different tack. To-day a small party of Pinkertons, under their direction, is engaged in moving the great haystack near where the missing boy was last seen. In view of the lack of clues, Superintendent Damato, of the Pinkertons, insists that the child had been kidnapped but has been drowned in the marshes or tumbled into some well or cistern.

It is possible the boy may have fallen into a stream and been carried out to the bay by the tides. The uncertainty of his son's fate is affecting the father's physical condition, but he is undaunted in his search and is confident his boy will be restored to him.

Either Ransom or Death.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The receipt by a New York detective agency of a second letter purporting to come from the supposed kidnapers of H. N. Marvin, Jr., the four-year-old boy of Kitta-

Hamock, Del., was announced today. This second letter, the alleged kidnapers are reported to have declared that unless a ransom was offered at once they would kill the boy. As to the authenticity of the letter or the identity of the writer, nothing was made public. Neither was there anything to show that the detective agency had been authorized to negotiate for the return of the boy.

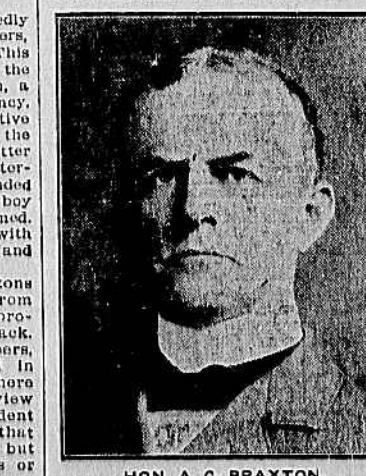
DISCUSS SITE;
ADOPTS CHARTER

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unanimously chosen by the board to fill this position.

The draft of by-laws as presented, outlines in detail the number and duties of standing committees. Under the latter head the schedule calls for first, an executive committee, consisting of six members of the board, including the vice-rector, in addition to the rector, who shall be the chairman; second, a finance committee, consisting of four members of the board, in addition to the rector; third, a committee on grounds and buildings, consisting of four members, in addition to the rector; fourth, a committee on affiliation, consisting of four members of the board, in addition to the rector.

It was the sense of a number of those

HON. A. C. BRAXTON,
Elected Vice-Rector by Board of Visitors
of University of Richmond yesterday.

present that large powers should be given to the executive committee and that possibly the other committees should report to the executive committee in the interim between board meetings.

The question was finally laid over until the next meeting, when the by-laws will be further considered. It was stated in the meeting by several of those present that the next step would be to give substance to a shadow by buying some tract of land



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RICHMOND KNIGHTS INVITE
PITTSBURG COMMANDERY HERE

Pennsylvanians Will Stop Here for Three Days During May—A Committee Consisting of Messrs. Sands, Ellyson, Gunn and Dabney Convey the Invitation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PITTSBURG, PA., March 12.—A committee from Commandery St. Andrew, No. 13, of Richmond, Va., to-night presented to Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, of this city, an invitation extended by the Richmond commandery to the Pittsburg commandery to be its guests on May 28, 29 and 30, 1907, or at such other time as might best suit the convenience of the Pittsburg commandery.

The following resolutions were presented to the Pittsburg commandery by the Richmond delegation:

"At a stated convocation of the Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13, Knights Templars, held at its asylum, in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, Va., on Monday, March 4, 1907, the following resolution and preamble were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, this commandery recalls with much pleasure the knightly visit of Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, to this city May 28, 29 and 30, 1892; and

Whereas, our several visits to that city as the guests of Pittsburg Commandery since that time, and the acceptance of their open-hearted hospitality has strengthened the ties of friendship and bound us closer together;

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the eminent commander, with directions to extend an invitation to Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, to be our guests on the anniversary of their trip to this city in the coming May, or at such time as may be to them most convenient; and that the committee, in presenting this invitation, shall convey the knightly feelings entertained for our fraters of Pittsburg.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, under the seal of the commandery,

be furnished the committee for presentation to Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1. A true copy from the Records. (Signed) FRANK T. SUTTON, Captain-General.

Attest: GEORGE C. JEFFERSON, (Seal) Recorder.

The committee from Richmond present were Messrs. William H. Sands, H. Theodore Ellyson, Julian Gunn and Mr. Dabney, who were met by a committee of the Pittsburg Commandery and royally entertained at one of the leading hotels in the city. The invitation of the Richmonders was enthusiastically received, and they were accorded a warm reception by the members of the local lodge.

The relations existing between these two commanderies are most intimate, and on more than one occasion exchanged visits have taken place; and the Richmond Templars have among the Pittsburg Templars many warm personal friends. The name for hospitality and courtesy of the Pittsburg Commandery is world-wide, and its reputation for true knightly courtesy is appreciated by all who have had the privilege of enjoying it.

The Pittsburg Commandery is the largest one in the world, being composed of about 1,500 Templars, and their presence in Richmond will awaken great interest in Templar Masonry. The St. Andrew's Commandery, of Richmond, has a large membership, all enthusiastic for the best interests of the order, and they will record the visitors a warm reception.

St. Andrew's Commandery was organized about 1875, and takes its name from Lodge St. Andrew, of Boston. It was the last lodge formed that the Revolutionary patriots made their escape after throwing the tea overboard from the British vessels lying in Boston harbor.

This gathering of Templars scheduled to be held in May will probably be the largest one ever held in this or any other Southern city. The Templars generally travel in a body, and usually have special trains to take them to their destination. They will be lavishly entertained while in this city, and many enjoyable excursions and fetes will be planned in their honor.

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE
HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Talks With Representatives of the Government, of Labor and of the Southern States—All are Satisfied With the Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—An important conference on the subject of immigration was held at the White House to-night, Attorney General Bonaparte, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, Commissioner of Labor, Senator Assistant General Coolidge, Senator Foster, of Louisiana; President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor; D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., and former Mayor Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., were among those who participated in the conference with President Roosevelt.

The conference, which was a sequel of that of yesterday in which the matter of "assisted immigration" in South

Carolina was discussed, lasted two hours.

While no statement was given out at the conclusion of to-night's conference, the discussion bore largely along the same general lines as at the meeting of yesterday, and there was the same satisfaction expressed as to the outcome of the discussion, indicating on the one hand that the new law would not deprive States of any of their rights already conferred, and that the construction of the law, as given by the Attorney-General, was satisfactory, and on the other hand that the States have no desire to go beyond the law in assisting immigration, and that they expect after a short time immigration will naturally drift to the ports of the South.

and securing for the university a permanent location.

One of the speakers said that in purchasing a site the university board had two alternatives: to get a small site and undertake such an institution as the present board could carry to completion, or to begin the proper undertaking, such as might be handed on to future generations to develop. The general idea was that Richmond people should provide the site, the consensus of opinion being in favor of the Wood Park tract, as being convenient to Union Theological Seminary, in the most highly improved and beautiful section about the city and already provided with many utilities, such as water, sewerage, macadamized roads, shade trees, etc.

Mr. Joseph Bryan, who owns a one-tenth share in this property, has offered to donate his share to the university in case this site is determined upon. Emphasis was laid upon the fact that if the undertaking is to be a success Richmond people must get solidly behind it. A number of speakers thought it better for the institution to have the enthusiasm and support of the people of Richmond than to receive a million of dollars from some outside philanthropist. Several advocated the opening of a subscription towards the cost of a site as soon as the charter is secured, and letting the fund grow naturally and gradually, emphasizing the fact that the real endowment of this institution is to be in the love and sympathetic support of the residents of this city.

Working Committee.

On consideration of section 7 of the by-laws in regard to the seal of the corporation, after discussion, Mr. John Stewart Bryan was appointed a committee of one to secure appropriate designs for a suitable seal, the suggestion being that the seal should work into the design the words "Virginia, 1807—University of Richmond, 1907."

At the close of the meeting Dr. Stuart McGuire moved that the rector appoint a

temporary working committee to consider and recommend a location and to enter into tentative negotiations looking to an option of available sites. On the adoption of this motion the rector appointed on this committee Mr. F. W. Scott, chairman; Dr. Emmon Williams, Mr. Milton E. Marcuse, Mr. J. Scott Parrish, Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, etc.

After a general discussion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the rector.

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HAS PROVEN BEST.

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